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## IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 1, before line 1, insert the following new section:
--CROSS-REFERENCES TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This is a continuation of application Serial No. 08/895,886 filed on July 17, 1997, which is a continuation of application Serial No. 08/534,841 filed on September 27, 1995, which is a continuation of application Serial No. 07/859,850 filed on March 30, 1992, now U.S. Patent No. 5,495,572.--; lines 9-11, delete in their entirety insert --in parallel is disclosed in Japanese Kokai 1-250128 corresponding to U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 07/118,785 filed on November 6, 1987, now U.S. Patent No. 4,870,643, and Japanese Kokai 2-135555.--;

line 15, delete "striped" insert --divided--, delete "unit, byte unit" insert --units, byte units--; line 16, delete "unit," insert --units,--; line 21, delete "striped up" insert --divided--.

- Page 3, line 1, delete "the" (second occurrence);
  line 2, delete in its entirety insert --code and
  error check code (ECC) methods.--;
  line 10, delete "inspite" insert --in spite--.
- Page 4, line 15, delete "comprising:" insert --including--;
  line 16, delete "striping" insert --dividing--;
  line 17, delete "unit, bite unit" insert --units,
  byte units--;

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line 18, delete "unit" insert --units--, delete
          "striped" insert --divided--;
          line 20, delete "striped" insert --divided--;
          line 23, delete "I/O" insert -- an I/O operation--.
          line 15, delete "processing";
Page 5,
          line 16, delete in its entirety insert --amount of
          the data reconstruction within a unit time. --;
          line 27, delete "has a room for" insert --is less
          than--.
          line 6, delete "room in the" insert --remaining--;
Page 6,
          line 10, delete "a room in the" insert -- some
          remaining--;
          line 12, delete "accumulating totals of";
          line 13, delete "which was";
          line 18, delete "the" insert --a--;
          line 19, delete "the" (first occurrence), after
          "night" insert a comma;
          line 22, delete "the" (third occurrence) insert
          --a--;
          line 26, after "reconstruction" insert --within a
          unit time, --.
Page 8,
          line 11, delete the second comma;
          line 12, delete "the";
          line 21, delete "room" insert --remaining
          redundancy--.
Page 9,
          line 1, delete "room" insert --remaining
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redundancy--;

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line 12, delete "it can proceed to the" insert
         --a--;
         line 13, after "processing" insert --can be
         performed--;
         line 19, delete "state." insert --state (Step
         90).--;
         line 21, delete "Steps" insert --steps--;
         line 23, delete "the description will be given to";
         line 25, delete "of" insert --will be described with
          reference to--;
          line 28, delete "I/O" insert --an I/O operation--.
         line 2, delete "the" (second occurrence) insert
Page 10,
          --a--;
          line 3, delete "is occurring" insert --has
          occurred--;
          line 8, delete "reconstruction," insert
          --reconstruction within a unit time, --;
          line 10, delete "that" insert --whether--;
          line 12, after "range" insert a comma;
          line 13, delete "the";
          line 14, delete "getting" insert --which are
          entering--;
          line 15, delete "into", delete "to monitor" insert
          --and monitors--;
          line 18, delete "on referring" insert --below with
          respect--;
           line 23, delete "with" insert --based on--;
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line 27, delete "write" insert --writing--.
          line 5, delete "158 to" insert --158, 160, 162, 164,
Page 11,
          166, and--;
          line 7, delete "striped" insert --divided--, delete
          "the six" insert --six data--, delete "as the";
          line 8, delete "data discs";
          line 10, delete "the";
          line 11, delete "striped six" insert --divided--,
          delete "discs 158 to" insert --six data discs 158,
          160, 162, 164, 166, and--;
          line 14, delete "data 158 to 168." insert --divided
         data stored in the six data discs 158, 160, 162,
          164, 166, and 168.--;
          line 15, delete "which the memory has" insert --of
         the memory--;
         line 17, delete "the" (second occurrence);
         line 18, delete in its entirety insert --more than a
         certain number of the discs break down, --;
         line 19, delete "certain number,";
         line 20, delete "the";
         line 21, delete "even", delete "data" insert
         --discs--;
         line 22, delete "i.e., the" insert --when--;
         line 24, delete "the" (first occurrence) insert
         --an--, delete "stands up to" insert --can
         compensate for--;
         line 26, delete "the" (first occurrence);
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line 27, after "redundancy" insert a comma;
          line 28, delete "Code." insert --code.--.
         line 1, delete "Code" insert --code--;
Page 12,
          line 4, delete "units" insert --discs--;
          line 6, delete "the" insert --a--, delete "unit,"
          insert --disc,--;
          line 7, delete "unit" insert --disc--;
          line 8, delete "those discs" insert --spare storage
          discs--;
          line 10, delete "description will now be given to
          the";
          line 11, delete "fault." insert --fault will now be
          described with reference to Fig. 3. --;
          line 16, delete "faulty data" insert --failure--;
          line 22, delete "unit";
          line 24, delete "to inform" insert -- and informs--.
          line 5, delete "to" insert --in--;
Page 13,
          line 8, delete "to" insert --in--;
          line 11, delete "to" insert --in--;
          line 13, delete "to" insert --in--;
          line 15, delete "to" insert --in--, delete
          "address." insert -- the sector or address of the
          failure.--;
          line 19, delete "Step." insert --step.--;
          line 20, delete "Step," insert --step,--;
          line 26, delete "on referring" insert --below with
          reference--.
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Page 14,
          line 3, delete "state." insert --state (Step
          112).--;
          line 5, delete "then, the above Steps" insert -- and
          the above steps--;
          line 6, delete "will be" insert -- are --;
          line 7, delete "Even if" insert --When--;
          line 10, delete "the" (second occurrence) insert
          --a--;
          line 15, delete "of" insert --for--, delete "in"
          insert --is--;
          line 18, delete "the" (second occurrence) insert
          --a--;
          line 22, delete "have" insert --be in--;
          line 23, delete in its entirety insert --units,
          sector units, word units, or any other units. --;
          line 24, delete "the description will be given to";
          line 25, delete "on referring" insert --will be
          described with reference--;
          line 27, delete "of" (second occurrence) insert
          --for--;
          line 28, delete "is not" insert --has not been--.
Page 15,
         line 2, delete "the" (first occurrence) insert
          --a--;
          line 3, after "than" insert --or equal to--;
          line 5, delete "is a room" insert --some
          remaining--;
          line 6, delete "in the";
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line 7, after "preference" insert a comma;
line 13, delete "the redundancy has no room," insert
-- there is no remaining redundancy, --;
line 17, delete "with" insert -- on the basis of --;
line 19, delete "for" insert --in--;
line 27, delete "the".
line 7, delete "the" (first occurrence) insert
--indicate--;
line 8, delete "the" (first occurrence) insert
--indicate--;
line 10, delete "write of" insert --writing--;
line 11, delete "to" insert --which would
normally--;
line 14, delete "the" (first occurrence) insert
--indicate--;
line 18, delete "Code" insert --code--, delete "the
multiplex dissipation" insert --errors in--;
line 19, delete "with", delete "have" insert --be--;
line 20, delete "integral" insert --integer--;
line 24, after "the" (second occurrence) insert
--last--;
line 25, after "constructed" insert a comma, delete
"at the last time,";
line 26, delete "performed" insert --continued--;
line 27, after "the" (second occurrence) insert
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line 28, delete "at the last time".

--last--;

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Page 17, line 2, delete "154 and thus" insert --154, thus
          indicating that --;
          line 4, delete "of" insert --at--;
          line 9, delete "to" insert --in--;
          line 10, delete "the" (second occurrence) insert
          --indicate--;
          line 12, delete "will" insert --can--;
          line 24, delete "for" insert --in a--;
          line 25, delete "the" (first occurrence).
          line 2, delete "can be," insert --can,--;
Page 18,
          line 3, after "discs," insert --be--;
          line 4, delete "the description will be given to"
          insert -- another example of --;
          line 5, delete "on referring" insert --will be
          described with reference--;
          line 7, delete "of" (second occurrence) insert
          --for--;
          line 10, delete "the" insert --a--;
          line 11, delete the second comma;
          line 18, delete "there is a room";
          line 19, delete "for", delete "reconstruction."
          insert --reconstruction can be deferred. --;
          line 28, delete "difference".
          line 1, delete in its entirety insert
Page 19,
           --reconstruction time is--;
          line 3, delete in its entirety insert --that the
          data reconstruction cannot be deferred. --;
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line 12, delete "the" (second occurrence) insert --a--;
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line 14, delete "the description will be given to" insert --another example of--;

line 15, delete "on referring" insert --will be described with reference--;

line 18, after "is" insert --in--;

line 25, delete "the time zone," insert --in a time zone having much processing of the normal access or read/write,--;

line 28, after "that" insert --time is in a--, delete "has" insert --having--.

Page 20, line 2, after "threshold," insert --is--;
line 3, delete "is";
line 4, delete "is", delete "for" insert --within--;
line 14, delete "embodiments" insert --examples--;
line 20, delete "the description will be given to"
insert --another example of--;
line 21, delete "on referring" insert --will be
described with reference--;

line 27, delete "it is not" insert -- the time is not in--.

Page 21, line 5, delete "it is" insert --the time is in--; line 13, delete "it is" insert --the time is in--; line 16, delete "exceptionally" insert --preferentially--;

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line 20, delete "the description will be given to"
 insert -- another example of --;
line 21, delete "on referring" insert --will be
described with reference --;
line 25, delete "accumulating totals of the data";
line 26, delete "reconstruction time" insert --time
taken to reconstruct the faulty data --.
line 2, delete "accumulating";
line 3, delete "totals of the data reconstruction
time" insert --time taken to reconstruct the faulty
data--;
line 5, delete "the" (first occurrence) insert
--a--;
line 7, delete "the" insert --a--;
line 10, delete "the accumu-";
line 11, delete in its entirety;
line 12, delete "reconstruction." insert
--reconstruction can be deferred.--;
line 17, delete "and";
line 18, delete "is limitlessly" insert --may have
any magnitude--;
line 19, after "threshold," insert -- and thus--;
line 21, after "of" (second occurrence) insert
--the--;
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unit time--.

line 27, after "reconstruction" insert --within the